

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1-33. (Cancelled)

34. (New) A method for configuring a payable for a gaming terminal, the gaming terminal having a processor which controls game play of said gaming terminal, said processor coupled to a memory, a display device, and at least one input device, comprising:

receiving identification from a gaming operator;

comparing said identification information with authorized identities to verify that said gaming operator is authorized to access paytables of said gaming terminal;

displaying, on said display device, a setup routine including paytables which are available;

enabling said gaming operator, using said input device, to either select one of said available paytables without modification, or to modify the payable thereby creating a new payable;

the displayed available paytables having advance government approval;

if said gaming operator selects one of the displayed available paytables, then using said selected payable and exiting said setup routine;

if said game operator chooses to modify a payable, then displaying on said display device, information for enabling the operator to modify said payable;

thereafter electronically transmitting information from said gaming terminal resulting from said operator selection for government regulatory approval;

thereafter electronically receiving at said gaming terminal a message if the results fail to obtain government regulatory approval; and

storing said modified payable in said memory and enabling play with said modified payable only if government approval is obtained.

35. (New) The method of claim 34, in which said gaming operator modifies the payable thereby creating a new payable by changing the magnitude of a monetary prize, in the absence of an ability of said gaming operator to define or change a prize win frequency.

36. (New) The method of claim 34 in which, when the gaming operator chooses to modify the payable, the gaming terminal outputs at least one suggested modification of said payable when the modified payable fails to obtain said government regulatory approval.

37. (New) The method of claim 34 in which said payable is modified thereby creating a new payable by a change in overall payback percentage.

38. (New) The method of claim 34 in which the step of modifying the payable thereby creating a new payable includes the step of calculating all possible game outcomes of said new payable and any prizes associated with each possible game outcome.